

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-01-9
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ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued March 13, 2002)

On March 11, 2002, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an "Emergency Motion for Second Extension of Time."

Pursuant to the Board's March 7, 2002, order, which was in response to MidAmerican's first request for extension, the dates for filing rebuttal testimony and prehearing briefs on the return on equity issue were extended because MidAmerican's witness was hospitalized. The hearing date was also changed from March 25, 2002, to April 1, 2002.

MidAmerican in its second request for extension asks that the date for filing rebuttal testimony on the rate of return issue be extended from March 11 to March 15, 2002, and the date for filing prehearing briefs be extended from March 13 to March 18, 2002. MidAmerican did not ask for a change in the April 1, 2002, hearing date. In support of its request, MidAmerican said its witness had not completely recovered from his hospitalization. MidAmerican said it had contacted all parties and no one objected to the extension.

The emergency motion for second extension is for good cause and the Board will grant the extension. The Board notes that MidAmerican has committed to filing

the rebuttal testimony earlier than March 15, if possible. If rebuttal testimony is filed earlier than March 15, the date for prehearing briefs will also change pursuant to the parties' agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The procedural schedule in Docket No. RPU-01-9, is modified as follows:

a. MidAmerican shall file its rebuttal testimony on the return on equity issues, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before March 15, 2002.

b. All parties that choose to file a prehearing brief on the return on equity issues may do so on or before March 18, 2002, or two working days after the filing of rebuttal return on equity testimony, whichever is earlier.

2. All other aspects of the procedural schedule issued January 2, 2002, and modified on March 7, 2002, remain unchanged.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of March, 2002.